

CITY OF JUAREZ IS CAPTURED BY MEXICAN REBELS

They Arrive on Trains Thought to Be Carrying Federal Soldiers.

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Assounded Government Troops Completely Taken by Surprise, and After Fighting for Two Hours, Throw Themselves on Mercy of Victorious Constitutionalists.

El Paso, Texas, November 15.—Ciudad Juarez, the most important northern port of entry in Mexico, was captured by Constitutionalists under General Pancho Villa and General Maclevo Herrera early this morning with small loss on either side. Three Americans were killed in Juarez during the fighting.

The rebels lost five men. The Federal dead is estimated at thirty and four non-combatants were killed. Among them was Charles Sargenson, El Paso automobile driver, who was on the main street in Juarez in his automobile.

"No looting" was the order given by Villa to his men after the town had surrendered, and not a single case of theft has been reported. Guards were placed at downtown stores with orders to shoot the first man who attempted to loot.

The rebels captured 125 Federal prisoners, 500 rounds of ammunition, two field pieces and two machine guns, in addition to an important border post of entry and a military strategic point.

General Francisco Castro, commander of the Juarez garrison, is among the missing. It is the general opinion that he escaped.

El Paso police this afternoon thought they had captured General Castro here, but the prisoner proved to be a colonel from the Juarez garrison.

Bullets fell thick in El Paso during the attack and Chester L. Burnett, a messenger boy, was shot through the hand. All El Paso was aroused by the firing and the streets were filled with people. Miraculously no others were struck.

United States troops took station near the international boundary and held the Americans away from the danger zone as much as possible.

Order was quickly restored in Juarez after the capitulation, and this afternoon at a clock street car service between El Paso and Juarez was resumed and Americans began to flock to the Mexican city. Little damage was done in Juarez, as the rebels had no cannon.

Villa assured Mayor C. E. Kelly, of El Paso, that all Americans would be protected.

Villa expressed regret that an American had been killed, and declared that if the Federalists came from Chihuahua to attempt to retake Juarez, he would meet them at the city and prevent a battle that would endanger Americans in El Paso. He said he had destroyed the railroad to Chihuahua.

Federal Commander killed. Dr. Frank W. Lynch, city physician of El Paso, said he had seen the body of Colonel Enrique Portillo in the city of Juarez this afternoon. Portillo was a Federal commander and was made a prisoner. Captain Torres, another Federal commander, was reported executed at Juarez today.

The occupation of Juarez by rebels began at 2:30 o'clock after the men under Villa and Herrera had reached the city in trains thought to be carrying Federal soldiers to the frontier.

The rebels detained undiscovered, placed their artillery and soon had everything in readiness to fight. At the first volley the astounded government troops fled in confusion and were turned the fire. A battle which lasted for two hours.

Bullets fell thick in El Paso, and all the residents here were awakened by the sound of heavy artillery firing. Americans were kept from the danger zone by the detachment of United States Fifteenth Cavalry, on patrol duty under Major R. E. L. Mitchell, and as is known, no Americans in this city were wounded.

City Formally Surrenders. The formal surrender of the city to the Constitutionalists was at 6 o'clock. The Federal troops then threw themselves and their soldiers on the mercy of the victorious rebels. At once bands began playing on the streets and the town rang with "Vivas" for the conquerors.

It was by one of the cleverest stratagems in the history of Mexico that Juarez was taken. General Villa, with General Herrera, was near Chihuahua when the Federal troops were attacking that town. Federal troops were rushed to the reinforcement of the Chihuahua garrison, but Villa nevertheless pushed his attack there. By a brilliant maneuver he managed to bring his army into Juarez last night, while all Federal officers in northern Mexico believed him to be exerting every energy to take Chihuahua.

Leaving a small force of men there, he took 700 of his troops to Juarez, the train which reached Juarez at the time a Federal troop train was expected. Not once was he challenged.

Under cover of darkness the rebels surrounded the town save the river front, then next to the American border, and a concerted attack was made with the actual capture of the city.

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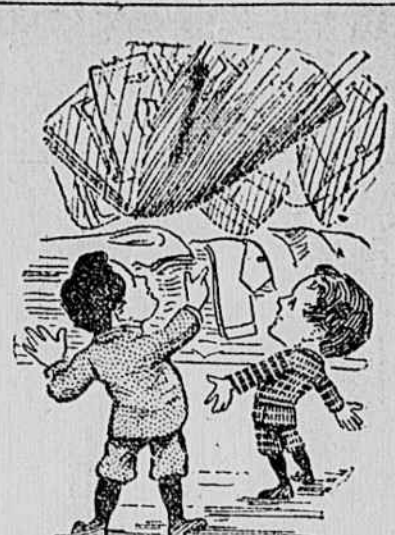
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